General and Census Commissioner, India.

(c) The Ministry of Labour implements certain schemes for the welfare of women labourers. These include grant-in-aid scheme under which financial assistance is provided to NGO's to take up action-oriented programmes for skill development, training or ganisation of women workers and the child care scheme where support is provided for setting up creches/day care centres. Moreover, the women workers also benefit under other programmes aimed at employment and income generation for women. These include the support to training and employment projects (STEP), Training-cum-Employment cum Production Centres (NORAD); Socio-Economic Programme (SEP); Development of Women in Rural Areas (DWCRA) etc The Government actively monitors the implementation of these schemes.

Pension to workers in industrial and consumer sector

49. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to grant Pension to all workers in the unorganised industrial and consumer sectors after they reach the age of sixty years;

(b) if so, what are the deails thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, the measures proposed to extend a pension scheme for the workers of unorganised industrial and consumer sectors including Super Bazar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to introduce a Pension Scheme exclusively for the workers in the unorganised industrial and consumer sectors. However, the Government has decided to introduce a Pension Scheme for all the workers including the workers in Super Bazar and other organised industrial and consumer Sectors covered under the EPF and MP Act, 1952. The pension scheme broadly provides for payment of monthly pension in the contingencies of retirement, superannuation, death permanent total disablement etc. A Bill to amend the Act in order to enable the Government to introduce a pension already stands introduced in the Rajya Sabha.

Closure of industrial units in Madhya Pradesh

50. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of employees and labourers have been rendered unemployed due to the fact that a number of industrial units are either lying closed or are on the verge of closure in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the number of such units and since when thest are being closed and what are he reasons for their closure;

(c) the efforts being made by Government to revive these industrial units;

(d) what is the number of such employees and whether any relief is provided to them from the National Renewal Fund; and

(e) if so the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.